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Case 5047A

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Brown et al.

Serial Number: 09/920,152

Filed: August 1, 2001

For: **METHOD OF REPRODUCING, RECOLORING AND/OR RECYCLING CARPET  
TILES**

Group Art Unit: 1746

Examiner: Stinson, Frankie L.

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GROUP 1706

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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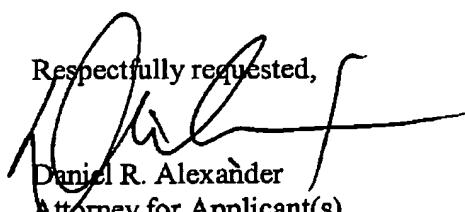
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 1, 2003, Applicants respectfully elect the invention of Group I, at least claims 1, 2, 4/2 – 8/2, 9 – 16, 28, and 30 – 32 for examination on the merits with traverse. Applicants respectfully believe that the inventions of Groups I and II are so closely related that they should be examined together.

Should any matter of form or language stand in the way of allowance of the present application, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone conference to resolve such issues.

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Respectfully requested,

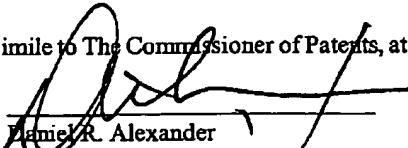


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Case #5113D

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Higgins et al.

Serial Number: 09/993,158

Filed: November 16, 2001

For: Textile Product and Method

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Juska, Cheryl Ann

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 2, 2003, Applicants hereby respectfully elect the invention of Group I, at least claims 1 – 49, 54, 57 – 85, 87 – 128, 130 – 132, 134 – 136, 138, 140, and 141, for examination on the merits with traverse. Applicants respectfully believe that the invention of Group II, claims 129, 133, 137, 139, 142, 143, and 146 – 148, can include a rebond foam layer. For example, a rebond foam sheet can be a slit foam (claim 129) or in one embodiment the rebond foam is flame laminated to glass and/or felt (claim 133). Claim 148 calls for rebond foam.

Should any matter of form or language stand in the way of allowance of the present application, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone conference to resolve such issues.

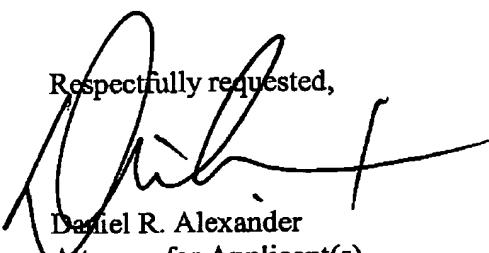
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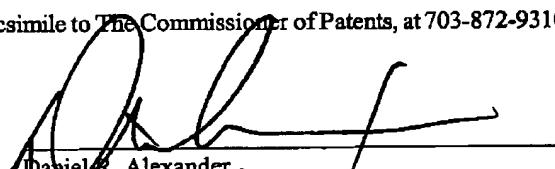
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